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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION / ELECTION REQUIREMENT (37 CFR §1.146)

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Petition for Extension of Time to Respond <u>1.</u>

The period for response is hereby extended **TWO** months to expire March 3, 2009 by this Petition for a Two-Month Extension of Time. Payment of the appropriate petition fee (\$245, 37 CFR §1.17) accompanies this Response.

<u>2.</u> Election of Group (37 CFR §1.143)

Group I (claims 1-16 and 21) is elected for further examination.

<u>3.</u> Election of Species (37 CFR §1.146)

The species of FIGS. 4-8 is elected for further examination. This species is encompassed by claims 1-3, 6-16, and 21.

I certify that this paper is being electronically submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office via the EFS-Web online filing system on the following date:	
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4. In Closing

If any questions regarding the application arise, please contact the undersigned attorney. Telephone calls related to this application are welcomed and encouraged. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments relating to this application to deposit account number 18-2055.

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